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Rev. William Bartels
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Chaplain
Roosevelt Hall

To: Interested Members of the University Community

From: Charles Collyer, Chair, Psychology Department, and
Melvin Wade, Director, Multicultural Center

Date: April 22, 1997

Re: **First Annual Diversity Day:**
Invitation to Propose Poster Contributions, Workshops and Celebrations
Tuesday and Wednesday, September 23 and 24, 1997
Memorial Union, University of Rhode Island

On September 24, 1997, the University of Rhode Island will launch an exciting new initiative - Diversity Day '97. The purpose of Diversity Day are to celebrate the importance of diversity and community at URI; to foster the development of strategies and skills involved in the building of a sense of community; and to broaden our understanding of campus, regional, domestic and international diversity. By diversity we mean to be inclusive of cultural and ethnic identity, nationality, language, international origin, age, class, geography, rural or urban roots or other distinctions. Preceded by a day of poster sessions, Diversity Day '97 will feature a keynote address, a series of workshops, a food fair and a multicultural celebration of music, visual art and dance.

We are requesting ideas for workshops and poster sessions from faculty, staff, students and others. On the reverse side of this page is a form for submitting proposals. Completed forms should be returned to the Psychology Department office located in Room 306 Chafee Hall. Proposals may be works-in-progress, rather than fully developed presentations. A committee of faculty, staff and students will review all submitted proposals. Priority will be given to proposals with the potential to engage a wide audience of faculty, staff and students. Proposals for interactive workshops, panels and focus groups are preferred over lecture-like events.

Faculty can also participate in Diversity Day by focusing on multicultural themes in classes which meet on that day or by arranging for classes to participate in scheduled workshops. Faculty are urged to notify the Diversity Day Coordinating Committee. For faculty who seek peer input in selecting videos, providing handouts, or seeking other collaborations, a list of faculty liaisons will be provided upon request. Student, faculty, staff and external community presentations are essential to a balanced Diversity Day program.

Even if you choose not to submit a program proposal, we welcome your help in establishing Diversity Day as a valuable tradition at URI! Please respond to this request as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, May 19! Your help is needed!

I am interested in:

- ☐ Serving on the Diversity Day coordinating committee
- ☐ Serving as a faculty liaison for the college of _____
- ☐ Acting as a resource person on some aspect of diversity
- ☐ Helping with "nuts and bolts" on Diversity Day itself
- ☐ Other _____

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Request For Proposals
Diversity Day At URI
Tuesday and Wednesday, September 23 and 24, 1997
Memorial Union, University of Rhode Island

Purpose of Diversity Day: To foster the development of strategies and skills involved in the building of a sense of community. To broaden our understanding of campus, regional, domestic and international diversity as a community-building strategy. To affirm the importance of diversity and community at URI.

Criteria for Proposals: Priority will be given to program proposals which are engaging and interactive. Proposals from faculty, students, staff, and off-campus agencies will be considered. The goal of 50 minute workshops should be to assist participants in developing practical skills, strategies, understanding and insight, and/or to introduce participants to resources with follow-up opportunities. The goal of poster sessions is to display resource materials, information and ideas in a lively and creative way for the perusal of participants. The display must be staffed.

Name _____

Affiliation _____

(department/agency/organization) _____

Address and Phone Number _____

This is a proposal for a 50 minute workshop. Please check all acceptable time slots for workshops. If you are willing to offer your workshop twice, check here ____

Wednesday, September 24

____ 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

____ 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM

____ 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM

____ 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM

Proposed program topic: _____

Proposed program title: _____

Program abstract: (attach additional page if necessary) _____

This is a proposal for a poster session. Poster sessions are table displays with illustrations, literature and handouts staffed by someone who can explain the particular display. Please check acceptable time slots for poster session. If you are willing to offer your poster session twice, check here ____

Tuesday, September 23

____ 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

____ 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Proposed poster session title/topic: _____

Description of poster session: (attach additional page if necessary) _____

Return proposals as soon as possible to the Psychology Department, Chafee 306.

no later than Monday May 19, 1997. Direct questions to Charles Collyer, 874-4227/2193 or Melvin Wade, 874-2851 or Melba Depeña, 874-5223.